Supply of heavier boats to rowing team at Seoul Asiad

1495. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at Seoul Asiad (i) Indian horses were disqualified in the equistarian event and (ii) ten Kg. heavier boats were supplied to the Indian rowing team; and

(b) what action Government have taken in this regard and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Information has been called for from Indian Olympic Association which is awaited.

(b) The appropriate authorities to take action in the matter are the Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federations concerned.

Foreign exchange spent for Seoul Asian Games

1496. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of events in the recently concluded Asian Games in Seoul in which Indian sportsmen took part;

(b) what is the number of sportsmen who visited Seoul and what is the number of officials of (i) the Government of India, (ii) sports organisations, and (iii) State Governments who visited Seoul during the games; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange spent on each visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Indian sportspersons and teams were cleared for participation in Cycling, Golf, Tennis, Weightlifting, Badminton, Hockey (W), Yachting, Swimming, Water Polo Diving Equestrian, Table Tennis, Gymnastics, Archery, Judo, Volleyball, Shooting, Boxing, Hockey (M), Athletics, Wrestling, Rowing, Football and Taekwando events of Xth Asian Games, 1986.

(b) Department of Youth Affairs & Sports cleared a contingent of 310 sportspersons and 85 managers, coaches, doctors etc. for participation Xth Asian Games. In addition 37 technical sports officials like referees umpires etc. and delegates from national sports federations were also cleared for going to Seoul during the period when X Asian Games were held. Information about the number of Government officials among these officials has been called for from Indian Olympic Association/State Governments. A 10 member Government delegation including 2 officials of the Government of India and 2 officials of the Sports Bodies also visited Seoul during this period. No official from State Governments was cleared for visit to X Asian Games by the Department.

(c) Foreign exchange amounting to about US $3.94 lakhs is estimated to have been spent in the above context.

Discovery of 3rd Century B.C. Port in Tamil Nadu

1497. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Times of India on 27th October, 1986 to the effect that a port